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HOUSE BILL 68

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; PROVIDING TIME FOR HOME VISITS AND PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE FIVE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 22-2-8.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1986, Chapter 33, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-2-8.1. LENGTH OF SCHOOL DAY--MINIMUM --

A. Except as otherwise provided in this section, regular students shall be in school-directed programs, exclusive of lunch, for a minimum of the following:

(1) kindergarten, for half-day programs, two and one-half hours per day or four hundred fifty hours per year or, for full-day programs, five and one-half hours per day or nine hundred ninety hours per year;

(2) grades one through six, five and one-half

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1 hours per day or nine hundred ninety hours per year; and  
2 (3) grades seven through twelve, six hours per  
3 day or one thousand eighty hours per year.

4 B. Thirty-three hours of the full-day kindergarten  
5 program may be used for home visits by the teacher or for  
6 parent-teacher conferences. Twenty-two hours of grades one  
7 through five programs may be used for home visits by the  
8 teacher or for parent-teacher conferences.

9 [~~B.-~~] C. Nothing in this section precludes a local  
10 school board from setting length of school days in excess of  
11 the minimum requirements established by Subsection A of this  
12 section.

13 [~~C.-~~] D. The state superintendent may waive the  
14 minimum length of school days in those districts where such  
15 minimums would create undue hardships as defined by the state  
16 board. "